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Applicant : Stuhlmann et al.

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the accompanying above-captioned application, applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-captioned application amended as follows:

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1 above the heading INTRODUCTION, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a1 This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of continued prosecution application (CPA) filed July 5, 2001 of application Serial No. 09/083,290 filed May 22, 1998. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 16 and ending on page 15, line 2 with the following paragraph:

a2 -- Two purified and isolated nucleic acids, together comprising *Vezf1* cDNA, termed *mVezf1.1* (3-1444) and *mVezf1.2*(1394-2820), containing nucleic acid residues 3-1444 (in a 1.444 kb EcoRI-EcoRI cDNA fragment) and 1394-2820 (in a 1.429

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